

# GLEN WAVERLEY Uniting Church

**Welcome.** GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centered community that meets God and shares in that unconditional love. If you are new to our congregation, please say hello after the service.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4 February	2pm	Meditation
9 February	5pm	Creative Worship
10 February	10am	Playgroup
10 February	10am	Craft Group
18 February	10am	The Hub
20 February	11.45am	English Conversation Classes
29 February	8.30am-4pm	GWUC Book Sale
1 March	10am	Combined Worship
1 March	11.30am	Meeting of the Congregation
22 March	2.30pm	Seniors' Service
26 March	10am	Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea @ The Hub
10 April	9.15am	Good Friday Service followed by Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea
12 April	10am	Combined Worship - Easter Day

### Sunday Preaching Plan - February 2020

February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23	February 26
Epiphany 4 (Green)	Epiphany 5 (Green)	Epiphany 6 (Green)	Transfiguration of Jesus (White)	Ash Wednesday (Purple)
Barn Ross Mackinnon Communion	Barn Susan Karoly Peter Baker Communion	Barn Ross Mackinnon Communion	Barn Rev. Neil Peters Communion	
9.15am Rev. Neil Peters Communion	9.15am Rev. Neil Peters Daniel Shombling	9.15am Russell Crawford	9.15am Alanee Hearnshaw	
11am Rev. Neil Peters	11am Rev. Neil Peters	11am Susan Karoly Rev. Dr Warren Bartlett Communion	11am Alanee Hearnshaw Report by Rev. P Barltlett	7.30pm Rev. Neil Peters
1pm Rev. Neil Peters	1pm	1pm	1pm	
5pm No service	5pm Rev. Neil Peters	5pm Alanee Hearnshaw	5pm Alanee Hearnshaw	
Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1:28-31 Matthew 5:1-12	Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) Psalm 112:1-9 (10) 1 Corinthians 21:1-12 (13-16) Matthew 5:13-20	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37	Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 2 or 99 2 Peter 1:5-21 Matthew 17:1-9	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12 Psalm 51:1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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## **An Opportunity to support drought and bushfire affected communities.**

Many of us have been very concerned for rural communities going through drought across many parts of Australia. Even when rain comes it takes a lot of time for farmers and rural communities to recover from drought conditions. The impact of drought contributes to rising mental health issues. It impacts families and relationships. There are many rural communities going through very tough times.

Now many rural communities have been contending with significant and devastating bushfires. Homes, properties, businesses, livestock and other animals have been destroyed and many people are facing a very uncertain future. Much money has been raised for emergency relief. But there will be ongoing need for support in these communities.

I have had a few people speak to me about how can we assist the long-term recovery of these rural communities. The church council has approved this week a retiring offering at each service on the last Sunday of the month from February to November 2020. On even months the offering will support the Uniting VicTas 2020 Bush Fire Appeal to fund services to help communities recover and on odd months the funds will be given to UCA Frontier Services for drought relief.

So, on Sunday 23 Feb there will be a retiring offering for long term bushfire relief through Uniting.

Then on Sunday 29 March there will be a retiring offering for drought relief through Frontier Services.

These appeals are commended to you for your consideration. The money will be forwarded regularly through our office.

If you prefer to donate through the office or direct to the church bank account then mark it for bushfire or drought. If you prefer a receipt, the office can provide you with the details to donate direct to Uniting or Frontier Services.

Neil

## **Inclusive Community**

The Inclusive Community Committee would like to wish you a Happy New Year. We hope that you have enjoyed special times with family and friends during the break and that you are ready to get back into your normal routines. Many people have said how good it has been to have morning tea after our combined services and meet members of our congregation who attend other services, during the year.

**Welcome.** Last year some new people joined our congregation. We would like to welcome Ratih Wirjaning Tjahjasari, Sandra Hutapea, Peter Cheung, Michelle and Rufane Smith and Anjana, Sachin and Rebecca Remson. We hope that you enjoy worship at our church, activities that you participate in and gradually getting to know people. There are others who have come to our church recently and we welcome them too.

**Christmas Tree Display.** I hope that you had the opportunity to see our Christmas Tree Display and read the captions that leaders and others had prepared about their groups and the meaning of Christmas for their members. We were delighted that so many groups spent time preparing their trees (so creative) and captions. **Thank you very much for taking part in this special event and making it a success.**

**Prayer Support Group.** If you have a prayer request and you don't want it placed in the prayer book, we do have a prayer support group. All requests for prayer are kept confidential and are only passed on to group members. We don't need to know why you are requesting prayer, just a name is fine. If you need more information please contact Beverly on 0417 359 779 or the church office. Thanks to the fifteen people who make up the prayer support group.

**Bring and Share Lunch.** You are ALL invited to the Bring and Share Lunch after the 11am service today. Bring a plate of food to share. This will be held in the Fellowship area. Enquiries Church Office.

**Light Lunch** will be held next Sunday 9 February after the 11am service. This will be held in the Fellowship area.

Our first **Munch with a Bunch Lunch** will be at the RSL on Sunday 29 March at 12.30pm.

Our next **Inclusive Community** meeting is Tuesday 18 February at 10am. If you have suggestions for functions or activities, please let us know.

*Jan Clear.*

GLEN WAVERLEY UNITING CHURCH ADULT FELLOWSHIP  
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT

# ENCORE!



**SOLOISTS and ENSEMBLE**

from  
**WESLEY COLLEGE**  
GLEN WAVERLEY CAMPUS

**TUESDAY 5th MAY 2020**  
**PERFORMANCE 11am LUNCH 12noon**

**TICKETS \$25**

**PERFORMANCE ONLY \$15**

**AVAILABLE UNTIL 27/04/20 FROM**

Margaret Duncan, Barbara Thompson & Church Office 9560 3580

# Book Sale

1000s of Secondhand Books

二手書出售

Glen Waverley Uniting Church  
cnr Kingsway & Bogong Ave, Glen Waverley

**Saturday**  
**29 February**  
**8:30am-4:00pm**

Enjoy a Devonshire Tea

Donations of books welcome  
from February 24



Proceeds to support the  
work of Glen Waverley  
Uniting Church

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## **HOT CROSS BUN MORNING TEA at THE HUB**

**Join us for hot cross buns, tea or coffee**

**聯誼中心特別茶點活動**

**歡迎一起享用復活節十字飽、咖啡或茶**



**支持皇家兒童醫院復活節籌款活動**

**supporting THE ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**



**Where : Glen Waverley Uniting Church  
cnr Bogong Avenue & Kingsway**

**When : Thursday 26th March 2020**

**Time : 10 am to 12 noon**

Finally as Church Council we pray that lifted up by your bountiful mercy and your wisdom we may bring our weaknesses and our strengths, our insecurities and our insights to serve your purpose to reconcile all peoples and the whole of creation to your glory.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Glyn Howells

Chair

Church Council

### **Craft Group - Mondays 10am-2pm**

Our first craft group will be on Monday, 10 February in room one. Refreshments are provided but bring your own lunch. Bring along some craft you are working on, or need help with, as we discuss our program for this year. Everybody is welcome!

### **Meditation - Tuesdays 2-3pm**

Meditation will resume on Tuesday, 4th February. Using the techniques of breathing, stillness, and visualisation we allow ourselves to invite the spirit of God to bless us as we listen to the heartbeat of God. No experience is necessary and open to everybody.

### **Leisure Time - A New Year a New Decade**

Leisure time was started as a program to offer an opportunity for those who are isolated and therefore lonely to come to our church for a day out. This program now forty years later is as popular as ever with our guests but we need help to get our guests to and from church. We are calling for drivers. The program runs on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Monday of the month. Currently our drivers pick up and return our guests approximately once a month. This year we are willing to trial a 'split shift' where with a friend, one may pick up and the other drop off. Please, we are a generous and inclusive congregation, so with your help it would make it much easier to run this program if you could spare some time. Please contact the office if you are interested to find out more.

### Devotional prayer for first Church Council meeting 2020

Lord of all creation we thank you for the life giving rains that have brought relief to parts of our parched and burning landscapes. We thank you for the fresh air we breath this night and the 300 billion stars of the Milky Way that surround us in our expanding and infinite universe.

We thank you that you have brought Wendy, Ryan, Anne and Daniel to share the load with us on Church Council. We thank you for their diverse and unique gifts and their wish to serve. We thank you for the continuing commitment and leadership given by Sony, Alison, David Fraser and David Morgan . We thank you for their talents and their selfless wish to serve.

We thank you Lord for the inspirational and unswerving faithfulness of your servants Di Paterson, Alanee and Neil and those faithful servants who have carried this congregation forward over the decades.

Strengthen, unite and bless us coming as we do from such different and rich histories and cultures. Help us to hear each other, to see each other and to give each the space to flourish in your service.

In a period that has humbled our limited knowledge with bushfires and floods, earthquakes and disease we remember those who have lost homes and farms, businesses and dreams; uphold doctors and nurses, scientists, researchers and journalists, fireys and pastoral care workers.

At this time of tragic loss be with those grieving for loved ones; embrace those who are weakened in mind and body, all who are seeking to somehow rebuild their lives and searching for a way forward.

May the light of your truth overcome our prejudices, our blindness, that we might seek to understand those who offend us as we seek to share our own truths.

Lord who sees all things, hears all things, knows all things heal the wounds that divide a confused and anxious world we pray.

### Annual General Meeting – LEISURE TIME

The Annual General Meeting of the Glen Waverley Uniting Church - Leisure Time will be held in Room 1 on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020, at 2.30pm.**

Please put the date in your diary and come along to hear how we serve the isolated seniors in our community.



Under the Constitution all Church members and all Leisure Time volunteers are eligible to attend and cast a vote so please participate.

Agenda papers will be available from the Church Office the week before the meeting.

### Material Aid Offering - February 2020

This month we are collecting items for Brentwood Secondary College's Wellbeing Department.



Muesli bars, "Up & Go" drinks, pens & pencils and Noodles in a cup are all useful.

Items for Material Aid can be left in the coloured bins near the bookcases in the foyer.

Thank you for supporting our local high schools.

## Faith Development Missional Group – BLOGSPOT!

George Stuart is a Uniting Church minister with a passion and gift for writing hymns with modern words, theology and images. Like the Rev Carolyn Winfrey Gillette in the USA, he uses traditional tunes for his hymns which means that the singer can concentrate on the words only and doesn't have to learn a new tune at the same time. Here is his take on the concept of the Second Coming of Christ:

### The Second Coming of Christ

Tune: CHURCH TRIUMPHANT - Together in Song 98 – 88.88 meter

*Our Lord, our teacher, healer, friend,  
The One whose love shall never end,  
Back years ago he lived his life  
When times were harsh, in days of strife.*

*We look for signs of his return,  
But like before, we're slow to learn.  
We need not look for special sign,  
Nor listen for a word divine.*

*No need for world catastrophe,  
Apocalypse, calamity;  
If God is love, and love is near,  
Then God in Christ will reappear.*

*For in our day we see our Lord  
In justice done, in love outpoured;  
God's presence is, for those who see,  
As real as when in Galilee.*

*We know our God is present here  
When trust and hope replace our fear.  
Christ's 'second coming' - it occurs  
Whenever love within us stirs.*

And here is his summer Christmas carol, especially relevant to Australia

### A Summer Christmas, Carol

Tune: CHRISTMAS MORN, by Edward John Hopkins – 76.76D meter

*Our summer Christmas season is when we sing with joy  
About some loving parents and of their baby boy;  
We sing when we remember the miracle of birth  
With all its pain and beauty – the dawn of wondrous worth.*

*With thanks we greet the sunshine, release from bitter cold;  
We welcome gifts of harvest as nature's ways unfold;  
We sing as we remember the stories we are told  
Of gifts from eastern strangers of spices rare and gold.*

*But brutal heat in summer brings drought and rainless days,  
With hostile dust-storms raging and forest trees ablaze;  
The brutal side of Christmas – a tale of children slain,  
A family flees in terror, escaping Herod's reign.*

*As summer has its contrasts, the Christmas tale – the same –  
Has happiness and horror, yet through it all we claim  
Emanuel – God with us – in human flesh and bone;  
And so in joys and dangers the 'sacred' can be known.*

*The humble birth of Jesus begins the thrilling tale  
Of strength opposing evil, of love that did not fail;  
We join the Christmas story when we accept his call  
To love as he has shown us, inclusive love for all.*

George Stuart's website is:

<https://sites.google.com/site/george007site/>

Additional information is found on: <https://worshipwords.co.uk/singing-a-new-song-george-stuart-australia/>

Ross Mackinnon